Shri J.C.Srivastava, Librarian of this Department attended the tenth Conference of the Indian Association of Special Libraries and Information Centre at Lucknow.

HINDI UNIT

During the period under review the Hindi Section of the Department attended to different items of work relating to (i) Hindi Teaching Scheme, (ii) half yearly progress report of the scheme, (iii) quarterly progress reports regarding the progressive use of Hindi in the work of National Archives of India and (iv) the official language implementation committee. The Annual Report of the National Archives of India for 1974-75 was translated into Hindi. The translation of the book entitled "Indian Travels of Thevenot and Careri" continued.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

The Forty-Fourth Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission was held on 21st and 22nd February 1976 at Bikaner on the invitation of the Government of Rajasthan. Shri Khet Singh Rathore, Minister of Education, Rajasthan, welcomed the members and the guests. The session was inaugurated by Shri Ram Kishore Vyas, Speaker, Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha. Eminent historians and archivists from all over the country attended the Session.

An exhibition of historical documents organised on the occasion was inaugurated by Shri Farooq Hasan, Minister of State for Education, Rajasthan. In all eighteen institutions (including the National Archives of India) participated in the exhibition. It received wide publicity through newspapers and attracted a large number of visitors belonging to different walks of life.

Ten resolutions of different important aspects were passed at the session.

Seven papers based on newly discovered original records pertaining to the post-1600 period of Indian History were read and discussed at the academic session of the Commission.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ARCHIVISTS

The 28th meeting of the National Committee of Archivists was held at Bikaner on 23rd February, 1976. In the meeting, the various heads of the State Archives under the Chairmanship of Director, National Archives of India, discussed their mutual archival problems. Five resolutions on different subjects were passed.

TOWARDS FREEDOM PROJECT

The National Archives of India has undertaken a project entitled "Towards Freedom" in collaboration with the Indian Council of Historical Research, which envisages reproduction of documents covering the period 1937-47 in 10 volumes.

The research teams of both the organisations met twice (the 12th May and 26th September) and reviewed the progress of work, discussed research and operational problems, and chalked out programmes for further work.

The National Archives of India unit selected relevant materials from the records of the following series:

(i) Indian Independence League papers (1937), (ii) Govind Ballabh Pant Papers (1937, 1939), (iii) Purshottam Das Tandon Papers (1937-40), (iv) Jayakar Papers (1937-38), (v) Sampurnanand Papers (1937-39), (vi) Dr. N.B.Khare Papers (1937), (vii) Records of the Viceroy's Executive Council (Cabinet ecretariat) (1937-45), (viii) Records of the President's Secretariat (1937-45), (ix) Lord Zetland Papers (in microfilm) (1937-40), (x) Sir Harry Haig Papers (in microfilm) (1937-40), (xi) Lord Erskine Papers (in microfilm) (1937-38), and (xiii) Records of the Office of the Crown Representative (in microfilm) (1937).